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## UTILITY

PATENT APPLICATION  
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1.53(b))

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Title

ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING STAIN MASKING  
CHARACTERISTICS

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application  
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 43]  
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 17]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
- a. ☒ Newly unexecuted (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence  
Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
  - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
  - ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
(IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Request and Certifications under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form  
PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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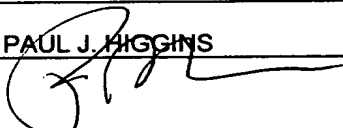
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